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BRAZZAVILLE FOR PSO

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARINE HOUSE - BRAZZAVILLE

1. RSO SARGENT VISITED PROPOSED BUILDING AND SITE FOR MARINE HOUSE BRAZZAVILLE ON JAN. 18, 1978. IT IS LOCATED IN MPILA AREA 1.4 MILES FROM CHANCERY. HOUSE SIT ON APPROX. 3 ACRE LOT ALSO OCCUPIED BY EMBASSY WAREHOUSE. THESE BUILDINGS AND LOT WHOLLY OWNED BY USG. LOT IS IN MIXED INDUSTRIAL/RESIDENTIAL, EUROPEAN/CONGOLESE NEIGHBORHOOD APPROX 300 METERS FROM RAILROAD TRACKS.

2. HOUSE ITSELF IS TWO STORY CONCRETE STRUCTURE. DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS APPROX. 20 FEET HIGH AND CONSIST OF LIVING ROOM/BAR, KITCHEN, TWO OTHERS SUITABLE AS GAME AND DINING ROOMS, PLUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BATHROOMS FOR RESIDENTS AND SERVANTS. UPSTAIRS ROOMS NOT AS LOFTY AND CONSIST NOW OF THREE MAIN ROOMS WHICH CAN BE MADE INTO FIVE SEPARATE BEDROOMS, TWO SMALL ROOMS SUITABLE FOR STORAGE, PLUS BATHROOM FACILITIES. SECOND FLOOR REACHED BY ONLY ONE STAIRWAY OUTSIDE IN REAR.

3. ENTIRE LOT SURROUNDED BY THREE TO FOUR FOOT

STONE/CEMENT WALL TOPPED WITH TWO OR THREE STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE UP TO APPROX SIX FEET. ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS TO BUILDING GRILLED. BUILDING ITSELF HAS OUTSIDE BULB LIGHTS. THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AT NIGHT NOT EVALUATED, BUT PROBABLY POOR.

4. CHARGE ESTIMATED THIS LOT WOULD EVENTUALLY MAKE AN EXCELLENT RECREATION CENTER IF POST POPULATION GROWS, SINCE THERE IS AN AREA LARGE ENOUGH FOR A POOL. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BUILDING REQUIRES COMPLETE REWIRING, INSTALLATION OF A/C UNITS (ONLY CEILING FANS NOW), INTERIOR/EXTERIOR PAINTING, DE-BATTING (MANY BATS IN ROOF), A SECOND BATH/SHOWER AND TOILET, AND SUITABLE EXTERIOR LIGHTS AND DOOR LOCKS. ADMIN OFF HAS REQUESTED ESTIMATES FROM TWO LOCAL FIRMS BUT NO REPLY RECEIVED YET. FOLLOWING REPLY, ALLOCATION FUNDS FROM DEPT NECESSARY. ESTIMATED THAT TWO MONTHS AFTER DEPT APPROVAL SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO MAKE HOUSE LIVEABLE.

5. RSO ESTIMATES PROPOSED MARINE HOUSE SUITABLE ONCE REPAIRED FOR MINIMUM FIVE W/S AND RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT SUPPORT OF ANY REQUESTS FOR FUNDS FOR ITS REPAIR AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.BRADFORD

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